

How to Play

COMMUNIST MUTANTS FROM SPACE



How to Supercharge your Video Game System.

- Set up your Atari® Video Computer System™ (or just about any game system that takes Video Computer System™ game cartridges) according to manufacturer instructions.
- Make sure the power switch is OFF, and insert the Arcadia™ Supercharger™ with label up. Be careful not to force it or insert crookedly.
- Connect the plug on the end of the Supercharger™ cable to the earphone jack of any cassette recorder/player. The earphone jack may also be labeled "monitor," "mon.," "ear," or "output."*
- Turn the power switch of the game system ON. The TV screen should read "REWIND TAPE, PRESS PLAY." If not, turn the power off and check to make sure the system is properly hooked up and the Supercharger™ fully inserted.
- Insert the COMMUNIST MUTANTS FROM SPACE™ cassette, label side up, into the cassette player. Turn the volume and tone controls about halfway up.

*If you use a large cassette deck with a "phone" type earphone plug, you may purchase an adaptor at most electronics specialty stores.

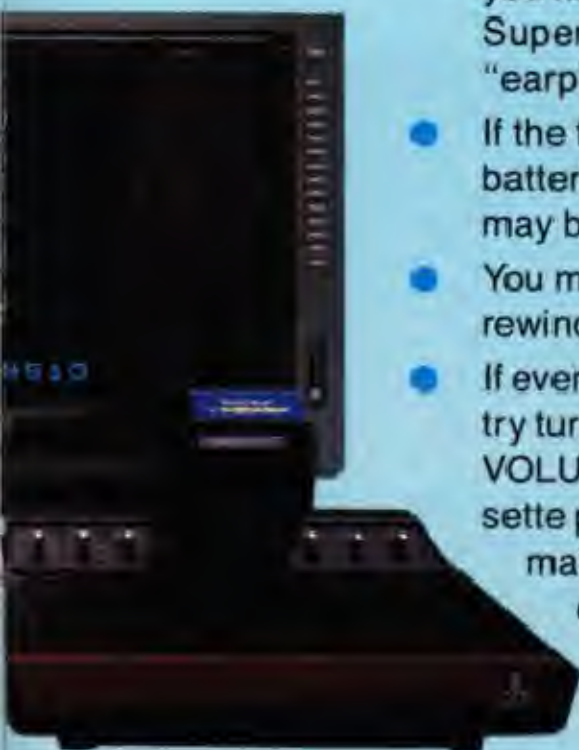


- Press **REWIND** and wait until the tape stops moving. Now press **PLAY**.
- In a few moments, you will hear the sounds of the game loading and see colored panels fill the screen. A moment later "**STOP TAPE**" will appear, and you'll be ready to play **COMMUNIST MUTANTS FROM SPACE™**



If you have trouble...

- If the tape player makes a screeching noise, you have not plugged the Supercharger™ cable into the "earphone" jack.
- If the tape doesn't move, the batteries in the cassette player may be too weak.
- You may have forgotten to rewind the tape completely.
- If everything else seems OK, try turning up the **TONE** and **VOLUME** controls on the cassette player. If the screen remains unchanged, remove the cassette, turn it over (label side down), rewind it, and press **PLAY**.



Communist Mutants from Space™

Your mission: Vaporize the mutant warriors before they overrun your home planet.

About the enemy: The evil ruler of the planet Rooskee has launched a diabolical attack. A cunning *Mother Creature*, filled with irradiated vodka, transforms helpless slaves captured on peaceful planets into bloodthirsty COMMUNIST MUTANTS.

The Commie Mutants attack like crazy! Wipe out wave after wave of them, and they keep on coming. And the more you vaporize, the nastier they get. You've got trouble.

Game Options

Press GAME SELECT and your options "menu" will appear on the screen. You can customize your own variation of COMMUNIST MUTANTS FROM SPACE™ by choosing options from the menu.

Move the joystick up or down to place the highlight over the feature you wish to select. Move the joystick right or left, or push the "fire" button, to select options and number of players.

Note: if you leave the "menu" on the screen for a few moments, the game will begin "self play." You'll see the game play by itself, and you'll see the current high score displayed. To get back to the "menu," simply tug on the joystick or press GAME SELECT.

- PLAY Starts the game action.
- PL 1 Selects the number of players (1 to 4)
- DIF 1 Selects the difficulty level (1 = easy to 9 = hard)
- SH NO Allows you to activate SHIELDS during the game.
- TW NO Allows you to activate TIME WARP during the game.
- PF NO Gives you PENETRATING FIRE
- GF NO Gives you GUIDED FIRE



The Mutant Attack

As soon as play begins, you'll be under attack. The Mother Creature will constantly try to create more COMMUNIST MUTANT attackers. The attackers start as mutant eggs and soon hatch into nasty creatures.

Some of the mutant eggs appear not to hatch. Don't be fooled. They are actually shield-penetrating bombs in disguise.



You begin with a small reserve of anti-mutant cannons. Each time the mutants destroy one of your cannons, a reserve is called up. When the last cannon is destroyed, the game is over. You can, however, earn bonus cannons after every other wave of mutant attacks.

You'll never run out of ammunition, so keep shooting. Your cannons destroy Communist Mutants, Mutant Bombs, and the Mother Creature itself.

Scoring

- Point Values



Mother Creature

500 Points



Diving Mutant Attackers

60 Points



Mutant Eggs

10 Points



Clearing the screen
of Mutant Attackers
(earns a "flag")

100 Points

- Bonus cannons are awarded on each odd-numbered wave of mutant attacks.
- High score for the current playing session will be displayed at the end of each game.

Game Variations

Difficulty Levels. Start with level 1 (relatively mild mutants) and work your way up to level 9 (really mean mutants).

Maneuverability. Control the speed of your anti-mutant cannon with the difficulty switches. "A" makes it slow. "B" makes it fast. The left difficulty switch is shared by players one and three. The right switch by players two and four.

Shields. Shields are activated by pulling back on the joystick. You can use your shields only once, until a new wave of mutant attacks, or a cannon appears.

Time Warp. Slow down the mutant attack with time warp. Activate it by pushing forward on the joystick. But you can use the feature only once, until a new wave of mutant attacks, or a cannon appears.

Penetrating Fire. This feature permits your cannon fire to blast through one mutant and wipe out the next in line.

Guided Fire. This feature permits you to steer your cannon fire with the joystick.

Multi-Player Games. Players one and three share the left joystick. Players two and four share the right joystick. The number in the lower left corner of the screen indicates which player is "up."

Controls

- Game Select switch calls the "menu" to the screen.
- Difficulty switches affect the horizontal speed of your cannon.
- Game Reset switch starts a new game instantly.

Supercharged Game Previews

To get a sneak preview of other great Arcadia™ games, follow these simple instructions:

- When loading COMMUNIST MUTANTS FROM SPACE,™ be sure to push the STOP button on your cassette player as soon as the TV screen fills with colored panels and the "STOP TAPE" message appears.
- Don't rewind the tape. When you're ready for a preview, flick the power switch on the game system OFF, then ON again.
- The TV screen should read "REWIND TAPE, PRESS PLAY." *Don't* rewind the tape. Simply press PLAY. As soon as the "STOP TAPE" message appears, press STOP.
- You'll see a "self-play" preview of one exciting Arcadia™ game. You can't actually play it (so don't bother pressing any more switches), but you can appreciate the great graphics and game action.
- To see the next game preview, simply repeat the above instructions. When no more games appear, you have seen all the previews on your cassette.

Changing Games

To load another Arcadia™ game:

- Flick the power switch OFF, then ON again.
- Rewind and replace the cassette with another Arcadia™ game cassette.
- Rewind the tape, then press PLAY.

To remove the Supercharger™

- Turn the power switch OFF.
- Gently remove the Supercharger.™



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